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Dear Ms. Wilkens,

A. Re: our October Quarterly Report (7/1/96-9/30/96) per your letter of Sept. 3, 1997.

Please find enclosed our amended report regarding line 11(a)(i), in which a \$ 25 clerical error was made. Line 11(a)(i) was increased by \$ 25 and line 11(a)(ii) was decreased by the same amount. Year to date figures on these lines has also been adjusted for this \$ 25.00 error correction. All remaining reports for 1996 will be off in the year to date column by these same offsetting \$ 25.00 amounts; however, I have not submitted corrected detail pages for this. Readers will need to make this adjustment on their own.

Totals have also been provided for line 11(d), columns A and B; however I would note that in both the original report and the amended report detail summary page that the amounts on line 11(d) are identical to the amounts under the "total" line in 11(a)(iii), since there were no amounts reported on lines 11b. or 11c.

Your query regarding FEC concern over reporting our "limited administrative expenses" was raised in a previous letter and my reply still stands (copy attached).

B. Re: our Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/96-11/25/96) per your letter of Sept. 3, 1997.

Please find enclosed our amended report regarding line 31, columns A and B totals. I would point out that since line 21.a(ii) is zero, the total on line 31 must equal the total on line 30, and was reported correctly in the original report.

Regarding your query on our Committee's "limited administrative expenses", my reply to the identical query on a subsequent report (enclosed) still stands. Our Committee has always reported all expenses in accordance with applicable reporting requirements. Please save everyone the trouble of repeating this query. Until it violates Federal law to be frugal in our operations, we will continue to operate on a volunteer basis with "limited administrative expenses."

This nit-picking over minor clerical errors and omissions is astonishing in light of the scandalous violations of federal campaign laws being investigated by Congress and special prosecutors involving the DNC and the President/Vice President

RLFCF letter to FEC
10/3/97

While I understand that "you are only doing your job" I can't help but wonder why showering my Committee with meaningless queries is of any value: to taxpayers or users of FEC reports.

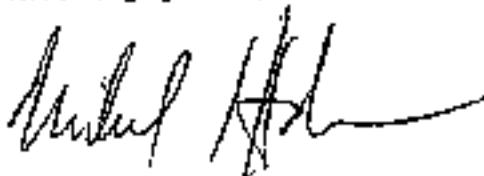
There is at least one mis-spelling in Mr. Gibson's Sept. 25 letter to me threatening me with dire consequences if your correspondence isn't replied to within 15 days. Yet I do not make a federal case out of this minor error. Much less threaten "audit or legal enforcement action", as Mr. Gibson did.

As a volunteer trying his best to comply with the myriad rules of the FEC, I find your recent queries misplaced at best and quite hypocritical (of the FEC) at worst.

Such heavy-handed and trivial FEC actions discourage citizen involvement in our political system and seem to make minor clerical matters the subject of federal government audit and sanctions.

Despite this dismaying behavior on the part of your giant federal bureaucracy, our Committee will do its best to comply with all applicable reporting requirements and legitimate inquiries which the FEC may have.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Holmes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael E. Holmes
Treasurer, RLFCF

Enclosures: Amended reports, 7/1/97-9/30/96; 10/17/96-11/25/96; copies of my letter to FEC of 9/6/97 regarding reason for our "limited administrative expenses".

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For Other Than An Authorized Committee
(Summary Page)

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USE FEC MAILING LABEL
OR
TYPE OR PRINT

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) Republican Liberty Federal Campaign Fund	
ADDRESS (number and street) c/o Michael E. Holmes 21310 Park Valley Dr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported
CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE Katy, Texas 77450	

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C00269241
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This committee has qualified as a multicandidate committee. (see FEC FORM 1M)

4. TYPE OF REPORT

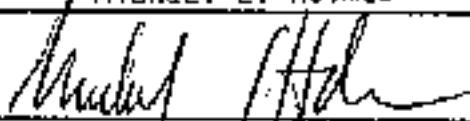
- (a) ☐ April 15 Quarterly Report
- ☐ July 15 Quarterly Report
- ☒ October 15 Quarterly Report
- ☐ January 31 Year End Report
- ☐ July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-election Year Only)
- ☐ Termination Report

Monthly Report Due On:

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- ☐ Twelfth day report preceding _____
(Type of Election)
election on _____ in the State of _____
- ☐ Thirtieth day report following the General Election on _____
in the State of _____

(b) Is this Report an Amendment? ☒ YES ☐ NO

SUMMARY		COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
5. Covering Period <u>7/1/96</u> through <u>9/30/96</u>			
6. (a)	Cash on Hand January 1, 19 <u>96</u>		\$ 1,274.88
(b)	Cash on Hand at Beginning of Reporting Period	\$ 674.24	
(c)	Total Receipts (from Line 1B)	\$ 3,965.00	\$ 13,216.00
(d)	Subtotal (add Lines 6(b) and 6(c) for Column A and Lines 6(a) and 6(c) for Column B)	\$ 4,639.24	\$ 14,490.88
7.	Total Disbursements (from Line 3D)	\$ 3,548.01	\$ 13,399.65
8.	Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (subtract Line 7 from Line 6(d))	\$ 1,091.23	\$ 1,091.23
9.	Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	\$ -0-	For further information contact: Federal Election Commission 899 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 Toll Free 800-424-9530 Local 202-218-3420
10.	Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	\$ -0-	
I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.			
Type or Print Name of Treasurer Michael E. Holmes			
Signature of Treasurer 			Date 10/3/97

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

FEC FORM 3X

(revised 9/93)

DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE

OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

PAGE 2, FEC FORM 3X

(revised 1/1/81)

NAME OF COMMITTEE Republican Liberty Federal Campaign Fund		REPORT COVERING PERIOD FROM 7/1/96 TO 9/30/96	
		COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year
I. Receipts			
11. Contributions (other than loans) From:			
a. Individual/Persons Other Than Political Committees			
i. Itemized (use Schedule A)		3,480.00	10,265.00
ii. Unitemized		485.00	2,701.00
iii. Total (add i and ii) >		3,965.00	12,966.00
b. Political Party Committees			
c. Other Political Committees (such as PACs)			
d. Total Contributions (add a iii, b and c) >		3,965.00	12,966.00
12. Transfers From Affiliated/Other Party Committees			
13. All Loans Received			
14. Loan Repayments Received			
15. Offsets To Operating Expenditures (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)		-0-	250.00
16. Refunds of Contributions Made to Federal Candidates and Other Political Committees			
17. Other Federal Receipts (Dividends, Interest, etc.)			
18. Transfers from Nonfederal Account for Joint Activity			
19. Total Receipts (add 11d, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18) >		3,965.00	13,216.00
20. Total Federal Receipts (subtract line 18 from line 19) >		3,965.00	13,216.00
II. Disbursements			
21. Operating Expenditures:			
a. Shared Federal/Non-Federal Activity (from Schedule H4)			
i. Federal Share			
ii. Non-Federal Share			
b. Other Federal Operating Expenditures		1,198.01	3,049.65
c. Total Operating Expenditures (add a i, a ii, and b) >		1,198.01	3,049.65
22. Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees			
23. Contributions to Federal Candidates/Committees and Other Political Committees		2,000.00	9,450.00
24. Independent Expenditures (use Schedule E)			
25. Coordinated Expenditures Made by Party Committees (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)) (use Schedule F)			
26. Loan Repayments Made			
27. Loans Made			
28. Refunds of Contributions To:			
a. Individual/Persons Other Than Political Committees			
b. Political Party Committees			
c. Other Political Committees (such as PACs)			
d. Total Contribution Refunds (add a, b and c) >		350.00	900.00
29. Other Disbursements			
30. Total Disbursements (add 21c, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28d, and 29) >		3,548.01	13,399.65
31. Total Federal Disbursements (subtract line 21 a ii from line 30) >		3,548.01	13,399.65
III. Net Contributions/Operating Expenditures			
32. Total Contributions (other than loans) (from line 11d)		3,965.00	12,966.00
33. Total Contribution Refunds (from line 28d)			
34. Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract line 33 from 32)		3,965.00	12,966.00
35. Total Federal Operating Expenditures (add 21 a i and 21 b) >		1,198.01	3,049.65
36. Offsets to Operating Expenditures (from line 15)			
37. Net Operating Expenditures (subtract line 36 from 35) >		1,198.01	3,049.65

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Re: Your letter of 8/29/97, Reference 30 Day Post Special Report
(11/26/96-12/31/96)

Identification Number: C00269241

Dear Ms. Wilkens,

As a follow up to our recent telephone conversation this letter is in response to your questions regarding the full reporting and disclosure of our committee administrative expenses.

As I explained to you recently, our committee is run by volunteers and currently makes no payments for rent, salaries, utilities, etc.. Other than occasional reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses our committee operations require very little administrative overhead.

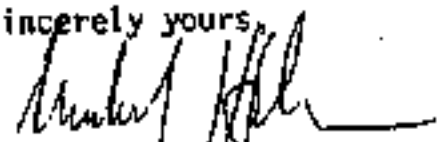
All such administrative expenses have been and are continuing to be reported to the FEC in our regular reports as required.

I hope this clarification is sufficient to document the facts in our situation.

While I can appreciate your implementing FEC policy with respect to your inquiry in an effort to provide an "educational benefit" to the public, as I explained in our recent conversation such inquiries by the FEC have the effect in this instance of burdening volunteers with unnecessary correspondence. I do not enjoy engaging in "when did you stop beating your wife" type of dialogue with the federal government, when such questions are replete with references to federal code statutes and penalties for non-compliance. Perhaps you can pass along my sentiments to the appropriate parties.

I do appreciate your courteous response in our recent phone conversations and hope that my reply will be sufficient to set the record straight.

Sincerely yours,


Michael E. Holmes
Treasurer, RLFCF

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